

Clean-Version of Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the title of the International Patent Application to read as follows:

PHOSPHORYLATED DEXTRANS

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, above line 5 after the Title:

This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/JP03/09324, filed July 23, 2003; which claims priority to Japanese Application Nos. 2002-213305, filed July 23, 2002 and 2003-050739, filed February 27, 2003.

Please replace the paragraph at Page 7, lines 33-37 with the following:

Examples of excipients include lactose, cornstarch, white sugar, glucose, sorbitol, plasma cellulose, and such. Examples of binders include polyvinyl gum arabia, tragacanth, gelatin, shellac, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl starch, polyvinylpyrrolidone, and such.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 19 through page 24, line 9 with the following:

Th1 and Th2 immune responses are inhibitory to each other. A shift in this Th1/Th2 balance toward Th2 is thought to lead to allergic diseases, while a shift toward Th1 is thought to cause inflammatory reactions, such as colitis. Anti-viral activity as well as various immunomodulating functions are expected as a physiological function of IFN- $\gamma$ . Steidler et al. have reported the significant improvement of inflammatory reactions in colitis model mice on the oral administration of *Lactococcus lactis* ssp. *lactis* expressing IL-10, which has a therapeutic effect on colitis (Steidler, L., Hans, W., Schotte, L., Neirynck, S., Obermeier, F., Falk, W., Fiers, W. and Remaut, E. "Treatment of murine colitis by *Lactococcus lactis* secreting interleukin-10". Science, 289, 1352-1355 (2000)).

Please replace the paragraph at Page 25, lines 18-21 with the following:

As a result, the phosphorus content showed high values at 140°C and 160°C (Fig. 11). Though some degree of sample browning was observed at 160°C, the optimal heating temperature, where the introduction rate of phosphate group exceeded 5%, was thought to be 140-160°C.